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**Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito Issue Statements  
on Confirmation of Judge Kimberly Budd to Supreme Judicial Court**

**BOSTON** -- Today, Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito released the following statements on the Governor's Council's unanimous confirmation of Judge Kimberly Budd to the Supreme Judicial Court:

"Judge Kimberly Budd's qualifications, temperament and confirmation today will ensure the Supreme Judicial Court is at full strength when they return for their first sitting in September," **said Governor Charlie Baker**. "I congratulate Judge Budd and Judges Frank Gaziano and David Lowy as we look forward to the impartiality and hard work they will bring to the Commonwealth's highest court from decades of judicial practice. We further offer our thanks and appreciation to the Governor's Council for their measured, timely and thorough examination and unanimous approval of all three confirmed nominees."

"Judge Budd is an exceptional addition to the Commonwealth's Supreme Judicial Court, defined by a career of extensive legal experience, integrity and impartiality for those who have and will come before her," **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. "The successful and unanimous confirmations of Judge Budd and our nominees will ensure that along with their colleagues on the court, the people of the Commonwealth are served by fair and reasoned results on the important and complex legal matters before them. I would also like to thank the Governor's Council for their hard work and careful consideration throughout this process."

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